



Happenings in the Office of Attorney General Steve Carter

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Attorney General Steve Carter Says Voter ID Ruling is a Positive Step in Maintaining Confidence and Integrity in the Electoral Process

Indiana's law requiring picture identification for voting has been upheld by the United States Supreme Court, giving one more tool of protection from fraud in the electoral process, announced Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter.

"States should have the ability to implement appropriate and constitutional steps to protect their electoral systems from fraud," Carter said. "We can move forward in Indiana with a process that provides constitutional protections to its citizens protecting their vote from potential fraudulent activity."

[Press Release](#)



Solicitor General Thomas Fisher talks with reporters following arguments before the United States Supreme Court in January

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter Clarifies Township Assessor Elimination Questions Raised after Consolidation by the Legislature

The Indiana General Assembly did not cut short the terms of township assessors or pull their salaries when it passed a sweeping property tax reform package earlier this year announced Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter today. Carter provided the legal opinion that addresses concerns about the consolidation of township assessors to the Department of Local Government Finance.

"For the hundreds of township assessors wondering about their future, we believe this Opinion should ease their minds," said Carter. "While the Legislature had the authority to cut short the terms of township assessors, it chose not to do so, allowing the assessor position to remain until the end of its current term. Additionally, Indiana law makes it clear that township assessors who will lose their position on July 1 will not lose their annual compensation." [Press Release](#)

Illinois-Based Walgreen Co. will pay more than \$380,000 to Resolve False Billing Practices Pursued by Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter has recovered \$337,050 for the state's Medicaid program and another \$44,800 in investigative costs from Walgreen Co. for alleged false billing under Medicaid's Restricted Card Program. The payment resolves a 2004 lawsuit.

"We have implemented a corporate integrity agreement with Walgreens along with penalties to halt this practice going forward," Carter said. "We will conduct another audit to ensure the practice has been stopped." [Press Release](#)



Attorney General Steve Carter Files Lawsuit Against Martinsville, Indiana Book Publisher, Promoter Lawsuit Seeks Restitution for More than 120 Consumers

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter has filed a lawsuit against book publisher and promoter Airleaf, LLC for taking money without providing the promised services in return. The lawsuit is seeking consumer restitution for at least 120 customers.



"More than 120 people are named in the lawsuit, including many from Indiana who lost thousands of dollars," said Carter. "In fact, hundreds more may have lost money. They paid for services. Airleaf did not deliver, and now, those consumers deserve refunds." [Press Release](#)

**Tuesday, May 20, 2008 is the next deadline to register for
Indiana's Do Not Call list**

Phone numbers placed on the list by 11:59 PM (ET) Tuesday will begin receiving benefits of the law starting July 1, 2008. Registration is available 24-hours a day, 7-days a week at www.attorneygeneral.IN.gov or by calling 1-888-834-9969.

Attorney General Steve Carter Addresses Leading Causes of Death Among Teens at Terre Haute South Vigo High School

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter visited Terre Haute South Vigo High School to launch the Indiana Safe Students Initiative (ISSI). The Initiative is designed to raise awareness of health risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death and social problems among Indiana's youth, such as underage drinking and driving.



"With motor vehicle crashes leading the cause of death for teenagers, it's especially important for us to focus on efforts to stop drunk driving and underage drinking," said Attorney General Carter. "Of the 319 alcohol-related fatalities that occurred in Indiana in 2006, nearly 15% involved Hoosiers under the age of 21 (NHTS 2006). We must do more to keep the teens of Indiana safe and alcohol-free." [Press Release](#)

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter Announces Nationwide Agreement with Facebook



Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter and 49 other states and jurisdictions today announced that Facebook has agreed to take steps to better protect children from predators and inappropriate content on its web site. [Press Release](#)

Three Members of the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Receive Awards



MFCU investigators Rob Banter, Amy Mattes and Ron Formyduval receive the Department of Health and Human Services' Inspector General Integrity Award.

****Consumer Alert**** Attorney General's Office Issues Warning About Mystery Shopper Scams

Marketers who promise lucrative jobs as mystery shoppers often do **not** deliver, cautions Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter.

The latest mystery shopper scam involves counterfeit checks. Consumers, hired to be mystery shoppers, are asked to evaluate a money transfer service. They are given a cashier's check, told to deposit it in their bank account, and withdraw the amount in cash. The consumer is then instructed to wire the money to a person, often in Canada, and rate their experience. When the check is later deemed to be fake, the consumer is held responsible to repay the bank. [Press Release](#)

